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SICC General Joint Meeting

Johns Hopkins University/Center for Technology in Education
6740 Alexander Bell Drive, Columbia, MD 21046

Thursday, September 6, 2012 — 12:00 – 4:00 PM

Minutes

Attendance: Brenda Hussey-Gardner Ph.D., *Chair*, Paula Boykin, Curtisha Hopkins, Elizabeth Kelley, Rachel London, Amy Sargent, Ph.D., Erin Stauder

Excused: Margaret "Mike" Berman, William Cohee, Delegate Guy J. Guzzone, Rosemary Johnston, Linda Ramsey,

Guests: Charles Baugh, *Baltimore City I&T Program*, Debbie Crosby, *St. Mary's County*, George Failla, *MDOD*, Natasha Fields, *Montgomery County*, Abigail Flores, *MSD*, Karen Larenas, *Prince George's I&T Provider and Parent*, Sharon Leyden, *Prince George's County I&T Program*, Bruce Shapiro, *Kennedy Krieger Institute*, Allison Siegel, *UMMC*, Anita Stevens, *St Mary's County*, Maryann Swann, *MSD*, Abila Tazanu-Legall, M.D., *Executive Director, The One World Center for Autism and Parent*, Tinna Quigley, *MD Insurance Administration*

Staff: Thomas Stengel, Pam Miller, Ed.D. Brian Morrison, Ph.D., Nancy Vorobey

Dr. Hussey-Gardner called the meet at 1:00 p.m.

I. Welcome Remarks and Introductions

- A. Participants introduced themselves, including guest members from various public and private agencies/organizations.
- B. Dr. Brenda Hussey-Gardner welcomed guests.

II. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. Minutes were distributed via packet for approval/edits.
- B. On page 1, George Failla noted an addition as follows:
 - 1. His place of employment is MDOD, not MDOT.

III. Announcements and Public Comment

- A. Announcements – None
- B. Public Comment – None

IV. Presentation: New Technologies and Early Intervention

- A. Dr. Bruce Shapiro (KKI) gave a presentation on distance-based inclusion and exclusion of developmental disability.
 - 1. Dr. Shapiro was the lead on a "proof of concept study" to examine the interrater reliability between a live evaluator and an evaluator watching via webcam.
 - 2. Kappa values (interrater agreement) ranged from 0.86 to 0.93 depending on the developmental domain.
- B. Tinna Quigley, the Maryland Insurance Administration representative, discussed two bills (Senate Bill 781 and House Bill 1149) that require insurance carriers to reimburse for appropriately provided telemedicine beginning on October 1, 2012.

V. SICC Report

- A. Dr. Brenda Hussey-Gardner reported that all SICC members are required to submit Financial Disclosures.
 - 1. SICC is currently 100% compliant with this requirement.
- B. Dr. Brenda Hussey-Gardner presented the upcoming meeting dates (11/1/12, 1/3/13, 3/7/13, 5/2/13)
- C. Dr. Brenda Hussey-Gardner reported that the SICC is charged with looking at all of birth through 5, not just birth to age 3.
 - 1. Dr. Hussey-Gardner questioned whether the SICC should examine LICC practices regarding birth through 5 with the intention of:
 - a) Learning lessons from those LICCs that are birth through 5; and
 - b) Encouraging those that are only birth to 3 to change to birth through 5.
 - 2. Nancy Vorobey reported that through Race to the Top every jurisdiction is required to have an Early Childhood Council and recommended examining the role of the LICC in the Council.
 - 3. Liz Kelley reported that the letters have gone out to each jurisdiction regarding this requirement and that the Council has to have the same make-up as the State Early Childhood Advisory Council.
 - 4. Tom Stengel reported that MSDE should have nearly updated LICC chair lists since this information was due with the CLIG applications on May 15th.
 - 5. It was recommended that information regarding the local Early Childhood Councils be sent to all LICC chairs next week.
 - 6. In October, the Executive Team will create questions for the LICC survey.
 - 7. Dr. Amy Sargent offered to put questions into a survey monkey.
- D. Dr. Brenda Hussey-Gardner requested volunteers to explore viable options for virtual meetings.
 - 1. George Failla, Rachel London, and Dr. Amy Sargent agreed to explore options.
- E. Dr. Amy Sargent, Chair for the Task Force looking at Part C Eligibility Criteria and Best Practice Related to Service Delivery, presented an introductory overview.
 - 1. In this overview, Dr. Sargent mentioned possible inquiry questions, including "What is the rationale for using 25% delay?" and "Are EI services overlapping among local agencies' programs (e.g., home visiting programs vs. ITP)?"

2. Dr. Sargent reported that the group will hopes to present the recommendations to the SICC by July 2013.
3. Tom Stengel mentioned that if suggested changes are made to the criteria, they will need to be approved by the Assistant State Superintendent and, if approve, changes would need to be made in COMAR.
4. Charles Baugh questioned if reexamining the eligibility criteria due to economic concerns would be in the best interest of children and families.
5. Anyone interested in joining the Task Force should contact Amy Sargent.

VI. Early Childhood Update

- A. Liz Kelley gave an update on the 10 projects for the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Fund Grant.
 1. She reported that budget forms were sent out yesterday and several positions have been hired at MSDE. Most of the positions are Central Office to support work on the curriculum, MMSR, etc.
- B. Nancy Vorobey gave an update for the Division of Special Education's role in RTT-ELCG.
 1. She reported that the Division is providing training to local jurisdictions (six per year) in the coaching model of service delivery for early childhood community-based programs, e.g. child care, to enhance the capacity of these programs to care for children with developmental delays and disabilities. Local ITP and preschool special education providers would be trained by an external vendor to provide the coaching to the community-based providers.

VII. Nomination of New Members

- A. Dr. Brenda Hussey-Gardner reported that SICC currently has 5 vacancies in the parent group.
 1. Three possible parent members for consideration.
- B. There are also vacancies for Head Start, Foster Care Agencies, and State Agency.
 1. Liz Kelley reported that she believes Paul Pittman is the Head Start President for Maryland and suggested contacting Linda Zang.
- C. Dr. Brenda Hussey-Gardner described the nomination process and presented the potential new parent members to SICC.
 1. Karen Larenas was nominated by Liz Kelley.
 2. Dr. Abila Tazanu-Legall, was nominated by Amy Sargent.
- D. George Failla was nominated for the State Agency Vacancy by Curtisha Hopkins.
- E. Tom Stengel pointed out that the regulations state that SICC should have someone from DHR, but no one from DHR has been a member in several years.

VIII. ECIE Updates

- A. Dr. Pam Miller gave an update on ECAS and IFSP enhancement webinars. She also gave a sneak preview on the COS tutorial via webinar on Tuesday.

1. Dr. Amy Sargent reminded all attendees that webinars are posted on Maryland Learning Links website.
 - B. Dr. Pam Miller reported that the Early Intervention Family Survey is ahead of schedule.
 1. Surveys are due back to the vendor for analysis by November 1, 2012.
 - C. Dr. Brian Morrison presented information on the potential children who may not be eligible for Infants and Toddlers services if the State decided to adjust for prematurity. Based on eligibility in 2011, 172 children would potentially no longer be eligible.
 - D. Thomas Stengel detailed the next steps for the publication of COMAR.
 - E. Thomas Stengel noted that the Extended Option ending age will change from the child's 4th birthday to the beginning of the school year following the child's 4th birthday on July 1, 2013.
- IX. Dr. Hussey-Gardner adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance.